
Outreach Notice

Modoc National Forest



District Fire Management Officer

GS-0301-9/11

The Modoc National Forest is currently outreaching for a permanent GS-0301-9/11 position as a District Fire Management Officer (DFMO). The DFMO works directly for the District Ranger and manages the fire, fuels management and fire prevention programs on two ranger districts which have been combined into one zone. The DFMO is responsible for coordination of fire and fuels activities with the forest fire staff, east zone and external forest cooperators. The west zone fire and fuels organization consists of four overhead positions, five engine modules, one dozer module, two fuels technicians and two fire prevention technicians. The incumbent will directly supervise three Assistant District Fire Management Officers (two operations one fuels). The incumbent will provide administrative/operational support and guidance to subordinate employees. The DFMO evaluates risks and recommends mitigations to reduce the risk of incidents. This position is categorized as a District Fire Management Officer at a High complexity unit that is subject to the Forest Service Fire Program Management (FS-FPM) Standard and Guide. The duty station for this position will be either Tulelake or Adin, CA.

PERMANENT OPEN CONTINUOUS RECRUITMENT: This is a continuously open vacancy announcement for one or more locations throughout the Forest Service. To be considered for this position select Adin or Tulelake as a duty station. To ensure that you receive consideration, applications submitted through the on-line application process must be received by 11:59 p.m. eastern time the day before a certificate of candidates is issued. Certificates will be issued in the first week of February 2015.

This position is being concurrently announced under Merit Promotion Announcement Number **15-FIREOCR-301DZFMOH-911G**. Current or former Federal employees may apply to both announcements, but should be sure to apply to the Merit Promotion Announcement in order to avoid losing consideration since different referral criteria apply to each type of announcement. Disabled veterans, candidates with 3 or more years of active duty military service, and candidates eligible for special hiring authorities may apply to the Merit Promotion Announcement if they meet the criteria outlined in the announcement and submit supporting documentation.

The USDA Forest Service has legislative authority to recruit and fill Permanent (Career/Career-Conditional), Temporary, and Term Appointments under the USDA Demonstration Project. Under this authority, any U.S. citizen may apply.

If you are interested in more information about this position, please contact Chris Christofferson, District Ranger at 530-299-8410. Certificates will be requested the first week of February 2015.

ABOUT THE FOREST:

The Modoc National Forest, situated in extreme northeastern California, boasts an ecologically diverse landscape. It is a land of contrasts, with ecosystems ranging from pine and fir dominated mountains to high desert plateaus covered with sage brush and juniper. It is one of the largest national forests in California at about 1.68 million acres. Administratively it is managed from the Forest Supervisor's Office in Alturas and two zones encompassing four ranger districts with offices in Adin, Tulelake, Alturas and Cedarville. The climate also exhibits contrasts, with average high temperatures in July being 88 degrees and average lows in January in the teens. With the average annual precipitation being about 12 inches there is an abundance of days with clear blue skies. Elevations range from 9,892 feet at Eagle Peak atop the Warner Mountains to 4,000 feet in the valleys.

The Forest manages a variety of programs, including wildlife, vegetation, range, recreation, minerals, wilderness, special uses, heritage, watershed, fuels and fire suppression. Specialists working here include botanists, foresters, wildlife and fishery biologists, archaeologists, range conservationists, engineers, fire and fuels managers, business management and public relations professionals. These specialists work on a variety of challenging issues including: sage steppe restoration, wildhorse territory management, the largest rangeland management program in Region 5, managing fire across the landscape, and landscape scale restoration.

The Forest is primarily situated in beautiful Modoc County. With a population of about 10,000 the County is among the most rural in California. It borders Oregon to the north and Nevada to the east. Alturas is the County Seat and location of the Forest Supervisor's Office, and is about 3 ¼ hours (170 miles) from Reno, NV; 2 ¾ hours (145 miles) from Redding, CA; and 1 ¾ hours (98) miles from Klamath Falls, OR. All these cities offer major shopping opportunities and Reno and Redding offer airport services. There is a medical clinic in Alturas with major medical services available in Reno and Redding.

While the key to real estate is location, location, location; for many who come and stay on the Modoc the key is lifestyle, lifestyle, lifestyle. The Modoc lifestyle has much to offer, being more rural and remote. A slower pace offers a welcome relief from the "hustle and bustle" of urban life. The nights are quiet and peaceful, and with minimal light pollution the sky is full of stars. There are ample recreational opportunities, including fishing and hunting, that are uncrowded. There is strong community support and the local community is interested and involved in Forest programs. If you are looking for a place that offers a low stress lifestyle and safe community, the Modoc is for you.

Information on the Modoc National Forest and community is available on these sites:

- Modoc National Forest website: <http://fs.usda.gov/modoc/>
- Modoc Record (newspaper): <http://www.modocrecord.com/>
- Modoc National Forest Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Forest-Service-Modoc-National-Forest/624840120965582>
- Modoc schools: <http://www.modoccoe.k12.ca.us/>
- Alturas, CA information: <http://www.city-data.com/city/Alturas-California.html>
- Alturas Chamber of Commerce, 522 S. Main Street, Alturas, CA 96101. Telephone is 530-222-4433; and, FAX 530-222-4434, or visit their website at www.alturaschamber.org/

Community information:

About Adin:

Adin is a rural northeast California community of about 550 people and is located in the heart of beautiful Big Valley. Big Valley consists of four small towns Adin, Bieber, Lookout and Nubieber. Surrounded by picturesque mountain peaks, there are many captivating views of Mt. Shasta and Lassen Peak that can be seen from the area. Modoc and Lassen Counties boast a distinctively rural atmosphere that includes forested plateaus, green mountains, snow-capped peaks, and vast open agricultural valleys.

With two major state highways running through it Hwy 299 and 139, it's easy to get to major cities such as Portland 475, San Francisco 307, Redding 94, Reno 160, and Klamath Falls 97.

The climate in Big Valley is characterized by four distinct seasons, with an average summer high of 93 and an average low in the winter of 28. Snowfall averaging ten inches per year is normal for the valley areas with more abundant amounts falling in the higher regions.

http://www.bigvalleychamber.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=1&Itemid=1

About Tulelake:

The Doublehead Ranger District Office is located in Tulelake, CA. Tulelake is a farming community with a population of 1000, which is situated at an elevation of 4,034 feet. The climate is mild with rainfall averaging 11 inches per year. The town has a post office, grocery store, which also serves as a gasoline station, hardware store, bank, automobile parts stores, a satellite Department of Motor Vehicles office, restaurant, fast food stand, a small medical clinic, and county library office. The public schools provide instruction from kindergarten through high school. Tulelake is also located six miles from Merrill, Oregon, which is a small community with amenities, while Klamath Falls, Oregon is the nearest big city 25 miles north of Tulelake, CA. In Klamath Falls there are the large shopping malls, banks, law offices, medical centers, hospital, community and technical colleges, public schools, restaurants, art galleries, museums, marina, movie theater, train station, bus terminal, and other businesses. For more information go to website:

About Klamath Falls:

Klamath Falls, the county seat, is located in the south central portion of Oregon at an elevation of 4,100 feet. The population of Klamath Falls (city and suburbs) is approximately 45,000. Klamath County is noted for being the "Sunshine City of Oregon" since it has an average of 290 days of sunshine per year.

Community facilities include one full-service hospital with 176 beds, 2 urgent care centers, over 70 churches representing approximately 40 denominations, 2 performing theaters, several museums and art galleries, the YMCA, 9 public elementary schools, 3 middle schools, 3 high schools, 3 private schools, Klamath Community College, and Oregon Institute of Technology, the Pacific Northwest's only public polytechnic institute. Several large department stores such as Wal-Mart, Fred Meyer and Home Depot are located within the city limits. Grocery stores are plentiful. Klamath Falls is also home to 3 indoor pools, 1 outdoor pool, 1 private 18-hole, 3 public 18-hole, and 1 nine-hole golf course. The local newspaper is the Herald and News from Klamath Falls. The Oregonian from Portland is also available.

Klamath Falls is located at the intersection of Highways 39, 66, 97, and 140. Transportation is available through Amtrak and bus services. The Rogue Valley International – Medford Airport is a full service airport located in Medford 70, miles to the west of Klamath Falls. There is a shuttle available for trips to Medford/Ashland. Klamath Falls is ideally situated approximately 1 1/2 hours from Ashland, Oregon, 5 1/2 hours from Portland, Oregon, 6 hours from San Francisco, California, and 4 1/2 hours from Reno, Nevada.

Recreation opportunities include wilderness backpacking, hiking, boating, camping, sailing, fishing, biking, snowmobiling, cross country skiing, horseback riding, hunting, and bird watching. Downhill skiing and sledding opportunities are available at Mt. Batchelor Ski Park in Bend, OR; located approximately 3 hours away, or Mt. Shasta Recreation Area in Shasta City, California; located approximately 1 1/2 hour away, as is Mt. Ashland Ski Park in Ashland, Oregon. Within 1 – 1 1/2 hours away from Klamath Falls, you may find yourself at Crater Lake National Park or Lava Beds National Monument.

For more information about the community, contact the Klamath County Chamber of Commerce at:

**Klamath County Chamber of Commerce
504 Main Street
Klamath Falls, OR 97601**

Phone: (541) 884-5193, or toll-free: 1-877-KLAMATH (552-6284)
Or, if preferred, the Chamber of Commerce can be contacted via their website at:
<http://www.klamath.org/>

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